

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 08 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the structure of a corner trimming device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device includes a base with a seat and platform extending from the base, the seat includes a rounded corner edge. The base further includes a channel formed between the seat and the platform such that a bar portion of a blade is retained in the channel. The blade further includes an angle arm including an inner peripheral portion having a rounded corner edge for engaging the rounded corner edge of the seat. The device also includes a handle pivotally secured to the base and engaged with the angle arm for moving the blade.

The closest prior art references include Lin, U.S. Patent 6,016,733, Chang, U.S. Patent 6,736,045, Kim et al., U.S. Patent 6,209,434, Hagerty, U.S. Patent 4,611,519, Christie, U.S. Patent 2,163,868, and Andersen, U.S. Patent 2,082,867.

Lin discloses a corner-cutting device with a pivoting handle (40) engaged with a blade (45) that pivots into a lower blade (22) on sheet seat (14) and platform (11). However, Lin lacks the channel formed between the seat and the platform for retaining a bar portion of the moving blade, wherein the moving blade includes an angle arm with a rounded corner edge.

Chang discloses a corner-cutting device with a pivoting handle (72) for rectilinearly moving a blade toward a lower seat portion. However, Chang lacks the seat and platform configuration with a channel therebetween for engaging a bar portion

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of the moving blade, wherein the moving blade includes an angle arm with a rounded corner edge.

Kim et al. discloses a typical decorative hold punch but lacks the seat and platform arrangement with a channel therebetween for engaging a bar portion of the moving blade, wherein the moving blade includes an angle arm with a rounded corner edge.

Hagerty discloses a corner forming device with a seat and platform but lacks the seat and platform configuration with a channel therebetween for engaging a bar portion of the moving blade, wherein the moving blade includes an angle arm with a rounded corner edge.

Christie discloses a corner-cutting device with a pivoting handle (23) for rectilinearly moving a blade toward a lower seat portion. However, Christie lacks the seat and platform configuration with a channel therebetween for engaging a bar portion of the moving blade, wherein the moving blade includes an angle arm with a rounded corner edge.

Anderson discloses a corner-cutting device with a rectilinearly moving handle (21) and blade (5) that moves toward a lower seat portion (3) and blade (4). However, Anderson lacks the seat and platform configuration with a channel therebetween for engaging a bar portion of the moving blade, wherein the moving blade includes an angle arm with a rounded corner edge.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably


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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Boyer D. Ashley whose telephone number is 703-308-1845. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan N. Shoap can be reached on 703-308-1082. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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